Managing Applications in Utah Clicks

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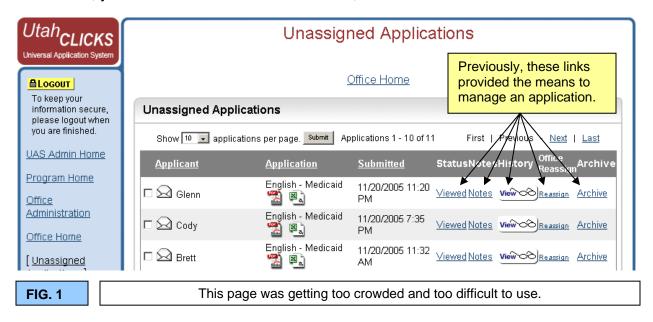
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Introduction

Recent input into business practices at the Utah Department of Health has required several changes to the Utah Clicks web pages where applications are managed. This document outlines and explains those changes which will come "live" at 12:00 noon on November 29, 2005.

Managing Applications

Previously, when managing unassigned or assigned applications, the web page provided a list of applications to manage. To the right of each application was a series of links that allowed you to perform various tasks on the application. For example, to add a note, you would click the "Add Notes" link, etc.

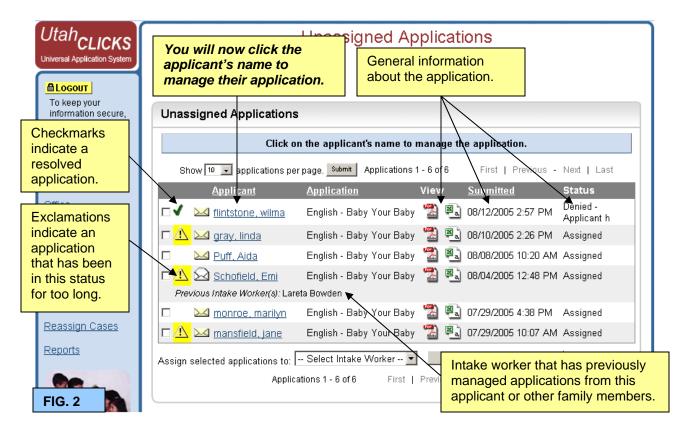


We discovered that the links on the right of the application did not provide the best functionality and did not show the "whole picture" of the application.

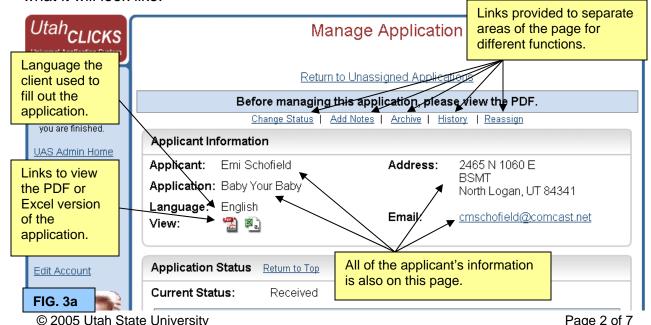
Other problems could also occur if the application was to be managed by two different employees at the same time. If one employee began changing the status of an application at the same time another employee was changing the status, there could be confusion as to what the status is actually supposed to be. Utah Clicks didn't have a way to determine who was managing which application and when. While this may happen only rarely, there needed to be some way to prevent this type of problem.

In addition, the hyperlinks used to manage an application were getting crowded. The more functionality that we wanted to add to this page, the more crowded it would become.

Thus, we have changed the way applications will be managed (whether assigned or unassigned.) Here is an example of a list of applications:

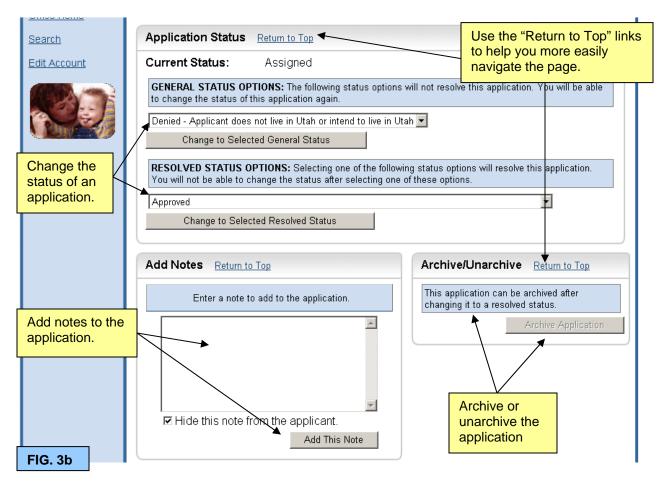


Clicking on the applicant's name will now take you to a web page that displays all of the information about that application. The applicant's name, address, phone number, and email will be displayed. You can view the current status of the application, add notes, archive the application, view the history, and the office manager's account will be able to reassign an application to another office. All of this will be on one page instead of being directed to separate pages to perform the separate functions. Here is a preview of what it will look like:



When you are at this point, the application will be "locked" and no other employee will be able to manage the application until you leave this page or log out of Utah Clicks.

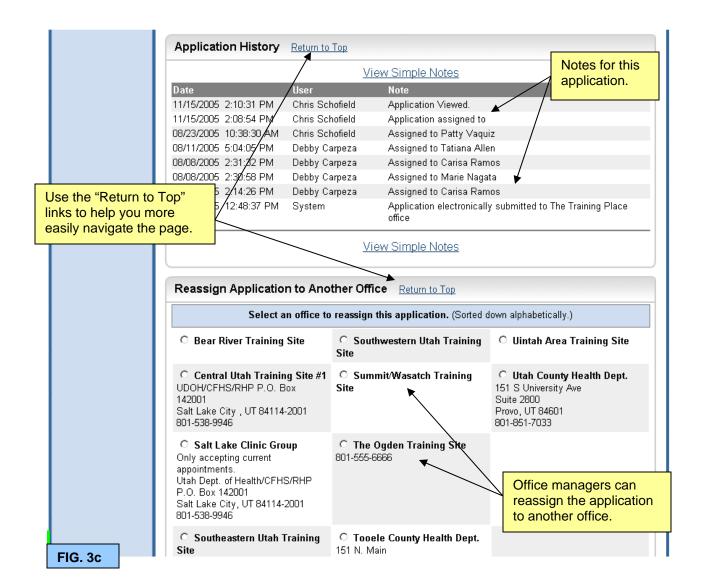
As you scroll down you will be able to see the options for managing the application:



Changing Application Status – Changing the status of an application has also changed significantly for those programs that are using this feature. You will need to know that changing the *status* of an application may or may not change the *resolution* of an application. The resolution of an application is simply the type of outcome for the application as determined by the eligibility worker. For example, in Utah Clicks, the "Approved" or "Denied" status options will *resolve* the application after which the application's status *cannot be changed again*. However, a "Pending", "Viewed", or "Assigned" application will not resolve the application and thus, the status can be changed later. *Also note that status options vary from program to program.*

Fig. 3b displays the current status options for this application. There are now two types of status options for an application.

- **General Status Options** WILL NOT resolve the application. You will be able to change the status again later (as explained above).
- Resolved Status Options WILL resolve the application. Only a Program Manager can change the status after the application has been resolved.



Archiving Applications

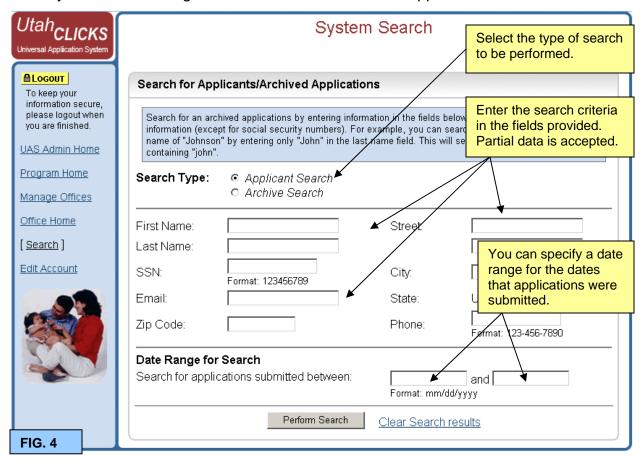
Archiving and unarchiving applications will not change significantly except where the button is located to perform this function. The Archive/Unarchive button is shown in Fig. 3b. It is important to note that applications will be archived *only if the application has been resolved*. However, note that sometimes a "General Status Option" will allow an application to be archived. These status options actually have a *neutral resolution*. It is not important to know the different resolution types. Just understand that sometimes choosing a "General Status Option" may allow you to archive the application.

Utah Clicks also provides an automatic archive feature. Currently, all programs have specified that resolved applications are automatically archived after 30 days. Thus, manual archiving of applications is not required, but you are welcome to archive manually if you wish. Once again, only resolved applications will be automatically archived.

Archive/Applicant Search

Utah Clicks search features have also been consolidated to one web page. The link on the left menu now reads "Search". The new search page allows you to search for

applicants OR archived applications. The page will also allow you to search by social security number and ranges for the submission dates of applications.

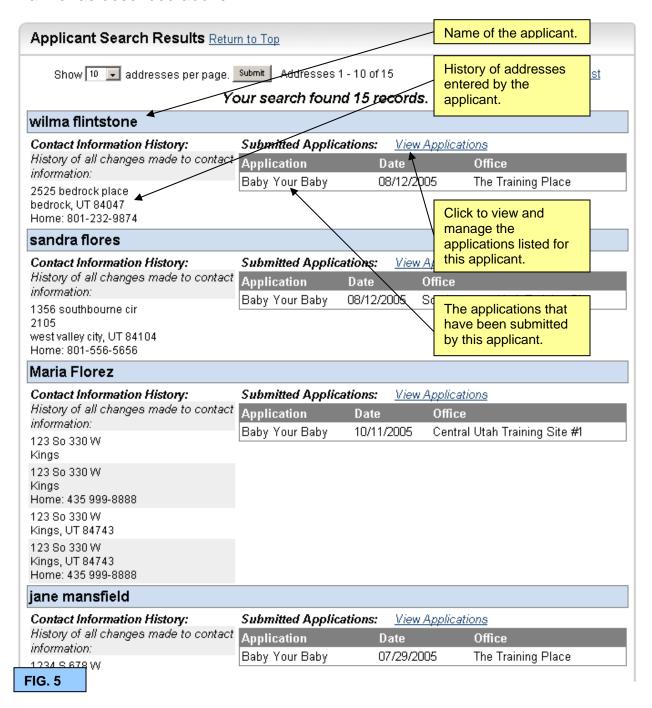


As always, you can search with partial data. For example, if you are searching for an applicant's last name of "Johnson", you can enter "John" and Utah Clicks will search for all last names containing the word "john". Because data encryption is applied to sensitive data, searching by partial social security numbers is currently not available.

If you are performing an "Archive Search", the applications will be displayed using the new list shown in Fig. 2. You will be able to manage the applications by clicking the applicant name.

Also, the new search functionality will now return all applicants or archived applications within your program. It will not limit the search to just your office or applications assigned to you. However, intake workers will only be able to manage applications (change status, add notes, etc.) that are assigned to them, and office managers will only be able to manage applications assigned to their office.

In Fig. 5 below you can see that, when searching for applicants, the search results display has not changed. However, clicking on the "View Applications" link will now take you to a page that looks similar to the Unassigned Applications page shown in Fig. 2 and you can manage those applications in the same manner as described above.



You can also see in Fig. 6 that the results from an archive search look similar to the Unassigned Applications page. Once again, to manage an application, simply click the name of the applicant:



Conclusion

We hope that these changes will allow you to more easily manage and search for applications. You are welcome to email suggestions for future enhancements or comments on the current system to Chris.Schofield@usu.edu.